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SUBJ: LOS: SUBCOMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP,
JULY 17, AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. WG DISCUSSED ARTICLES DEALING WITH BENEFIT SHARING,
PARTICIPATION OF LDC'S AND LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES.
DISCUSSION REVOLVED AROUND WHICH ORGAN OF AUTHORITY
SHOULD BE GIVEN POWERS IN THESE AREAS.

2. SINGAPORE REP BEGAN DISCUSSION ON BENEFIT SHARING
WITH RENEWAL OF EARLIER PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE IN TREATY
SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR BENEFIT SHARING. SINGAPORE WAS
SUPPORTED BY AUSTRIA AND NEPAL. AUSTRIA STRESSED
THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE TO LEAVE ELABORATION OF
RULES ON BENEFIT SHARING TO ASSEMBLY WITHOUT PROVIDING
FIRST FOR BASIC CRITERIA. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE SAW
NO INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN TEXT PROPOSED
BY SINGAPORE AND THE 13-POWER LA DRAFT SEABED TREATY.

4. USDEL NOTED THAT US HAS TREATED BENEFIT SHARING
IN US DRAFT TREATY IN A VARIETY OF WAYS INCLUDING
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CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTION IN APPENDIX TO TREATY. HE

ASKED THAT PROVISION CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 35 (G) OF US TREATY ON ASSEMBLY ROLE IN CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF NET INCOME OF AUTHORITY BE INCLUDED IN TEXT. TANZANIA DEL ALSO ASKED THAT PROVISIONS OF TANZANIA TREATY ON BENEFIT SHARING BE INCORPORATED.

5. USSR AGREED THAT TREATY SHOULD CONTAIN CRITERIA FOR BENEFIT SHARING. HE STATED TEXT AS CONTAINED IN COMPREHENSIVE TABLE NOT ACCEPTABLE AND ASKED THAT SOVIET EXPLANATORY NOTE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 10 BE INCLUDED HERE AS WELL. UK REP NOTED THAT UK HAD PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION AGENCY WHICH WOULD BASE DECISION ON CRITERIA CONTAINED IN TREATY. UNDER THIS SYSTEM, COUNCIL WOULD SUPPLY ANY NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDELINES. HE STRESSED THAT ASSEMBLY, IN UK VIEW SHOULD NOT DETERMINE CRITERIA FOR BENEFIT SHARING. FRANCE, TURKEY AND JAPAN AGREED BENEFIT SHARING CRITERIA MUST BE IN TREATY.

6. WG CONSIDERED LONG LIST OF AUTHORITY FUNCTIONS INTENDED TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION OF LDC'S IN ALL ACTIVITIES IN AREA. PERU PROPOSED THAT ALL FUNCTIONS BE GIVEN TO ASSEMBLY. THERE WAS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS. UK ASKED THAT ENTIRE PROVISION BE DELETED ON GROUNDS THAT TEXT ASSUMES AUTHORITY WILL ENGAGE IN DIRECT EXPLOITATION. US REP STATED THAT IN SOME RESPECTS US AGEED WITH INTENT OF PARA ON LDC PARTICIPATION BUT BELIEVED MATTER SHOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER COUNCIL. HE STRESSED THAT IN US VIEW THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO GIVING ASSEMBLY THE RIGHT TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE FUNCTIONS.

7. CHINESE REP SUPPORTED PERUVIAN INTERVENTION, STRESSING THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO INTEREST OF LDCS. REFERRING INDIRECTLY TO SOVIET DEL STATEMENT, PRC SAID SOV DEL HAD NEGATED INTERESTS OF LDCS. PRC DEL RESERVED RIGHT TO RAISE ISSUES AGAIN DURING SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON FUNCTIONS.

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8. LANDLOCKED STATES. AUSTRIAN REP STATED ASSEMBLY SHOULD HAVE POWER TO CONSIDER GENERAL PROBLEMS OF LANDLOCKED STATES, SPECIFICALLY ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SET OUT GUIDELINES FOR TREATY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN LANDLOCKED AND COASTAL STATES. NEPAL AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORTED AUSTRIA. KUWAIT ASKED THAT ASSEMBLY FUNCTIONS INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES AS WELL.

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